

SECTION 48.1. There is established the Higher Education Civic Education Study Commission to advise the State on the role of higher education in helping to strengthen and enhance the ability of colleges and universities to participate in civic engagement activities with K-12 educational institutions, faith-based programs, or other service programs affecting the social development and literacy of school-aged children.

SECTION 48.2. The Commission shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:

- (1) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two of whom represent higher education and have experience in implementing service-learning partnerships between higher education and K-12 education, one president or chancellor representing a public or private college or university, and one organization or community representative with experience in the area of youth development.
- (4) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom represent K-12 education systems and have experience in implementing community partnerships between higher education and community-based service organizations, one chancellor or president of a public or private college or university, and one representative from the faith-based community.
- (5) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom represents the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, and one superintendent representing a low-wealth public education system.

SECTION 48.3. The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

SECTION 48.4. In conducting the study, the Commission shall:

- (1) Develop recommendations for implementation of mandatory service-learning as a graduation requirement for all higher education institutions receiving State funds.
- (2) Develop recommendations to include best practices for faculty, students and community partners entering into service-learning relationships.
- (3) Develop recommendations to address resource requirements necessary to assist higher education institutions in the implementation of service-learning partnerships.